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FOR NAAS FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: IRAN/MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS

REF: STATE 115755

DURING COURSE OF DCM'S CALL ON MFA UNDERSECRETARY NADIM MORNING OF JULY 29, WE ASKED WHETHER IRAN HAD AS YET SENT AN ECONOMIC DELEGATION TO MAPUTO IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT MACHEL(REF TEHRAN 4624). NADIM SAID THAT IRAN HAD BEEN TRYING TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR A DELEGATION TO GO TO MOZAMBIQUE THROUGH MOZAMBIQUIAN CONTACTS IN NAIROBI WITHOUT SUCCESS. IT ALSO HAD TRIED TO DO THE SAME THING VIA ALGIERS. NEITHER APPROACH HAD PRODUCED A RESPONSE FROM MAPUTO. MOZAMBIQUIAN AUTHORITIES WERE SIMPLY NOT ANSWERING THEIR MAIL. NADIM SPECULATED THERE MAY BE TWO REASONS FOR THIS:(A) MOZAMBIQUE MAY HAVE BECOME MORE GUARDED ABOUT DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH IRAN BECAUSE IRAN IS REGARDED BY SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS A SUPPORTER OF SOUTH AFRICA AND IT WOULD THEREFORE NOT BE POLITICAL; (B) THE WORD SEEMS TO BE GETTING AROUND THAT IRANIAN LARGESSE IS DRYING UP AND THERE IS REALLY NOT MUCH POINT TO TALKING ABOUT ECONOMIC COOPERATION IF IRAN DOES NOT HAVE SOME FINANCIAL AID TO PROVIDE. IN ANY EVENT, NADIM SAID, IF IRAN DOES NOT RECEIVE REPLIES TO ITS MESSAGES BEFORE THE UNGA, IT WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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